

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to call for enabling the sink to make the determination of whether to receive power from a power supply based on a power supply identifier received from the power source.

Compared to a Oprescu, it is clear that a relatively sophisticated power source is needed. It needs to have information about all the different devices that can be connected to the power source and what their basic power requirements are under different circumstances. The level of complexity would necessitate a relatively expensive power source.

Conversely, with the approach set forth in claim 1 as amended, all the power source need do is provide its power class identifier to the sink and then leave it to the sink to decide whether or not to obtain power from the source.

In the parent case it was suggested that Oprescu does not teach requesting a power class indication from the sinks and, presumably, the Examiner would agree that, likewise, providing a power class identifier from a power source to a power sink is nowhere suggested in Oprescu. More importantly, Oprescu teaches away from suggesting the opposite arrangement where all the decisions are made in the power source. Therefore, in view of the clear teaching away, Oprescu cannot be combined with other references to reach the claimed invention.

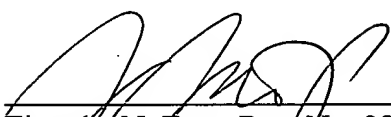
Likewise, the rationale to modify Oprescu set forth at pages 3 and 4 of the Reply Brief that “the power manager would control the time when the data is received and avoid receiving information from two components simultaneously” would not apply. It is respectfully suggested that any rationale to modify Oprescu must come from the prior art itself and not with the benefit of hindsight reasoning. Since there is no reasoning from within Oprescu, which merely teaches away, to reach the claimed invention, a Section 103 rejection based Oprescu cannot be supported.

Support for the limitations now set forth in claim 1 may be found at page 3, lines 11-16 of the present application.

In view of these remarks, favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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